

REMARKS

Claims 1 -4 and 6-10 were pending in the present application. Claims 6 and 9 have been canceled herein. Thus claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 10 are now pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The specification is objected to for informalities. The noted informalities are corrected herein and the applicants have checked the specification and corrected additional errors to the greatest practical extent. With regard to the allegation that the specification fails to provide support for the claimed subject matter, the Examiner is directed to, for example, paragraph [0098] for support for the noted subject matter.

Claims 1-4 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Moore, U.S. Patent No. 4,320,853. Claims 1 and 8 are amended herein to include the features of claim 6 and 9 respectively and are therefore allowable.

Claims 2-4, by virtue of depending from claim 1 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein above. It is respectfully requested therefore that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 8 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

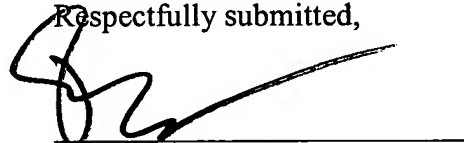
The indication of allowability with regard to claims 6, 7, 9, and 10 is noted with appreciation. The applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of claim 6 indicated allowable, and have amended claim 8 to incorporate the features of claim 9 indicated allowable. Claim 7 is amended to depend from claim 1 as amended and is therefore allowable. Claim 10 is amended to depend from claim 8 and is therefore allowable.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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